

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application Serial No. 10/751,470
Attorney Docket No. Q79189

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cartridge case, formed by fastening upper and lower cases of synthetic resin together, and having a tape leader opening formed in upper and lower side walls of said upper and said lower cases;

a single tape reel having magnetic tape wound thereon and rotatably housed within said cartridge case; and

a tape leader pin, firmly attached to a leading end of said magnetic tape, and detachably held in an upright state between said upper and lower cases so that said tape leader pin faces said tape leader opening;

wherein said tape leader pin has axially opposite flanges; ~~and~~

wherein a length of said tape leader pin is 18.7 mm; and

wherein the cartridge case has a thickness of 1.38 mm above and below the axially opposite flanges of the tape leader pin.

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Claim 2 (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a leader-pin holding spring attached to said cartridge case near said tape leader opening, said leader-pin holding spring comprising a mounting portion that includes a rectangular plate and a pair of elastic arm portions, in which top and bottom edges of the mounting portion are provided with engagement recesses, respectively;

wherein said tape leader pin is detachably held by said leader-pin holding spring that elastically abuts said axially opposite flanges in a horizontal direction.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a U-shaped clip attached to walls near said tape leader opening to fasten said upper and said lower cases together,

wherein the U-shaped clip includes a connecting plate portion and a pair of leg portions bent at right angles in the same direction at both ends of the connecting plate portion.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cartridge case, formed by fastening upper and lower cases of synthetic resin together, and having a tape leader opening formed in upper and lower side walls of said upper and said lower cases;

a single tape reel having magnetic tape wound thereon and rotatably housed within said cartridge case; and

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a tape leader pin, firmly attached to a leading end of said magnetic tape, and detachably held in an upright state between said upper and lower cases so that said tape leader pin faces said tape leader opening;

wherein metal reinforcement members are embedded in the upper and lower cases, respectively, near said tape leader opening, in which a first metal reinforcement member is provided above said tape leader pin and a second metal reinforcement member is provided below said tape leader pin.

Claim 5 (original): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a leader-pin holding spring attached to said cartridge case near said tape leader opening;

wherein said tape leader pin has axially opposite flanges and is detachably held by said leader-pin holding spring that elastically abuts said axially opposite flanges in a horizontal direction.

Claim 6 (original): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a U-shaped clip attached to walls near said tape leader opening to fasten said upper and said lower cases together.

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Claim 7 (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1,
wherein a thickness of each of said axially opposite flanges is 1.1 mm.